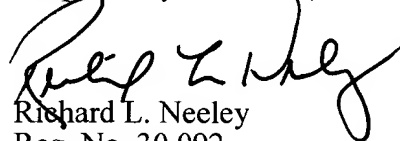


The remaining "drawings" are copies of slides from a PowerPoint slide presentation (prior to presentation and/or other publication) and were made part of the specification in anticipation of an examiner possibly desiring non-essential drawings under 37 CFR 1.81(c) [illustration of the invention] or even additional illustration of aspects of the invention under 37 CFR 1.81(a). These slides are discussed on page 4 of the specification at the end of the section entitled "Brief Description of the Drawings." The slides contain graphical illustrations of various examples of the practice of the invention that are described in writing in the specification. They were submitted as part of the original specification to make easier the submission of drawings at a later time if desired by an examiner, thereby avoiding issues under 37 CFR 1.81(d) and other relevant regulations relating to the submission of material after the original application, which submissions might have been considered to be "new matter."

Although the original PowerPoint slides are being canceled by this amendment, they do form part of the original filing. Accordingly, if the examiner in charge of this application believes that such "drawings" are desirable to illustrate the invention, he or she is invited to discuss the situation with the undersigned during the examination process. If no further drawings are desired or if certain slides are converted into drawings, an appropriate amendment will be made to the specification and/or formal drawings will be submitted during the examination process.

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